

Burton Plantation Management Committee
Meeting held on 6th April 2006 at the Pavilion

Present: Margaret Pickford (MP) Derek Brewis (DB) Paul Rushforth (PR)
Cath Thomson (CT) Linda Sutton (LJS) – Minute Taker

Item	Comments	Action
1	Apologies Diana Edmonds(DE); Paul Sutton(PAS)	
2	Previous Minutes Accepted as a true record	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No contact from the school regarding coppicing of trees adjacent to their wildlife area, so this has been discharged for the time being. 2. MP reported on behalf of DE that it would be too expensive to produce calendars as the spirals are costly. No feed back regarding the printing of cards from the photographs she was provided with. Linda to contact her to offer assistance in getting the printing done. She will also look at the costs of different designs of calendars. 3. The nest boxes are now all in situ, including the woodcrete ones which have been donated by villagers. 4. LJS reported it is inadvisable to replace the oak sapling with a larger stronger one at this point in time as there will be a lot of felling in the wood and it may become damaged. This will be taken up again at some point in the future. 5. CT stated the cost of the dropped kerb, together with signage will be £350; she has the quotation ready to go with the funding application to the Nottingham East Midlands Airport. 6. The relevant forms for funding applications have now been received. 7. One very good management/work quotation has been received. LJS to obtain two more along the same lines and to go ahead with this on behalf of the Committee. 8. The Great Crested Newt survey has been undertaken by Neill Talbot of the Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust. GCNewts have been found in the Long Pond; an official report is to come from him. 	LJS
4	<p>Summer Fete It was decided we would have a shared stand at the summer fete. PAS to sort out a display board, to include some of the plants/wildlife found in the wood. CT to design a poster to advertise for 'Friends of the Wood' for display at the stand. LJS will try to organise the printing of the cards for sale at the fete. MP suggested we might look at producing bookmarks from photographs of the wood, with a caption along the lines of 'In support of Burton Plantation'.</p>	PAS CT LJS
5	Constitution MP reported that there are some amendments required to the constitution and she will liaise with DE regarding these and ask the PC to produce it. This is now an urgent matter as funding cannot be applied for until an acceptable constitution has been drawn up.	MP
6	Finance DB reported that the funds currently stand at £225. It was suggested that sponsorship for projects be obtained from local businesses. MP is to ask the PC if it is acceptable to do this and advertise local business names as sponsors of the wood. DB will send out reminders to current 'Friends of the Wood' to renew their membership	MP DB
7	Signage CT produced quotes from several suppliers and it was agreed to go for the cheaper option which will include a map and some appropriate wording on a simple framework. At some point in the future, when the woodland has had chance to develop, the signage can be reviewed to possibly include more information.. MP to ask the PC if they can bear the cost	MP

	<p>of this.</p> <p>CT also produced quotations for a lockable display cabinet to be erected on the side of the Pavilion, for advertising both Playing Field and Woodland activities etc. This would be a more costly project and funding applications will be made to cover the cost.</p>	
8	<p>Village Hall Representative</p> <p>MP asked if someone would like to attend the village hall meetings as a representative of the BPMC. It was felt that as she and DE were already on the village hall committee, further representation was not necessary.</p>	
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>DB asked if someone could put a request into the link for more 'Friends of the Wood' memberships and for renewal of the existing ones. PR agreed to do this.</p> <p>Joan Shaw suggested to LJS it would be a good idea to conduct a tour of the wood day with cream teas; this was extended further to make it a Family Fun Woodland Day and ask folk to bring along a picnic and partake in a treasure hunt around the woodland; cream tea can be purchased. In addition, a photographic competition is to be organised to be displayed and judged on the day. The day set aside for this is Sunday 6th August 12 noon to 4 p.m. Entries for the competition are to be in by Friday 28th July and should be submitted to 38 Springfield Close, together with name, address and contact telephone number. There will be two categories: up to 14 years and adults.</p> <p>PR is to write a piece for the link for all of the above.</p>	PR
10	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday, 1st June at the Pavilion</p>	